GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Higher Education Department – Irregularities in collection of fees by Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.), Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District – Conclusion of disciplinary action – Imposition of punishment of 10% cut in pension for three years under Rule-9 of the A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (VC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.90

Dated:12-11-2012. Read the following:-

- 1. From the DIE., A.P., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No. Ser-I-3/3349/2004,dt.2-4-2009.
- 2. Govt. Memo No.3705/VC-II/2009, dated.23-1-2010.
- 3. Written explanation of Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.) dt.3.2.2011.
- 4. Govt. Memo No.3705/VC-I/2009, dated.07-04-2012.
- 5. Written explanation of Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.), dt.19.05.2012.
- 6. Letter No.1513/RT/3/2012, dt.6.8.2012 of Secretary, APPSC, Hyd.

ORDER:

Whereas, the Director of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh , in the letter first read above, has informed that Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal, Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District has committed certain financial irregularities i.e. collection of commission from the SC, ST and BC students while disbursing Scholarship cheques to the students. He has also collected Rs.80/excess from each first year and Rs.50/- each from second year students during 2004-2005 admissions, in addition to the normal fee prescribed by the Government/Department. Reimbursement of Special Fee relating to 2003-2004 was not paid back to SC, ST and BC students, which affected the credibility of the Department. Therefore charge was framed against him under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Application) Rules, 1991 vide Director of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Proceedings dt.7.1.2005.

- And whereas, the Accused Officer has submitted his written statement of defense and denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop the charges framed against him. Consequent on denial of charge, the District Vocational Education Officer, Srikakulam has been appointed as enquiry officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Accused Officer. The enquiry officer, in his report, has reported that the charge of payment of bribe of 10% of commission while disbursing the scholarship cheuqes is not established. The charge that the Principal did not pay back reimbursement of Special Fee relating to 2003-2004 to SC, ST and BC students was not established except for a procedural lapse in payment of BC students. He has further reported that the Principal has collected the excess amount during the academic year 2004-2005 to the tune of Rs.34,960/- from the students at the time of admissions (Rs.80*342=Rs.27,360/- + Rs.50* 152=Rs.7,600/-) and the same amounts were returned to the concerned students during the same academic year on the advice of District Vocational Education Officer, Vizianagaram. The Daily Fee Collection book does not reflect the excess fee collected. It reflects only the normal prescribed fee was collected from the 1st year and 2nd year students and no records were maintained for excess fee collected. So that quantum of excess fee collected could not be ascertained. The amount was kept with the Principal till he remitted in the CDC Bank account on 10.08.2004.
- 3. And whereas, the Director of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has stated that the individual has retired from service on 31.1.2009 AN and requested the Government to impose the punishment of 20% cut in pension for 5 years against I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd), Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District under Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

- 4. And whereas, the Government after examination of the matter issued a show cause notice vide reference 2nd read above, as to why the penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of 3 years should not be imposed against him.
- 5. And whereas, Sri I.Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.), Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District has submitted his explanation vide ref. 3rd read above with a request to drop all further disciplinary proceedings against him, as he has not committed any irregularities as alleged.
- 6. And whereas, after careful examination of the entire issue including the explanation of the Charged Officer, it has been observed that the charge that the Delinquent Officer collected excess amount of Rs.50/- each from second year students and an amount of Rs.80/- from first year students has been proved. Subsequently, the excess amount collected was returned to the students by the Principal on the instructions of District Vocational Education Officer. Since he has refunded the collected excess amount to students and observed that the proposed punishment of 20% cut in pension for 3 years is more severe when compared with gravity of offence, and decided to impose the punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of 3 years against Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.), Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District under Rule-9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 7. And whereas, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad who were consulted in the mater, have conveyed the concurrence of the Commission vide letter in the reference 6^{th} read above.
- 8. Now, therefore, the Government after careful consideration have decided to impose the punishment of 10% (ten percent) cut in pension for a period of three years against Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.), Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District under Rule-9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 9. The Commissioner of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJESHWAR TIWARI, PRINCIPAL SECRETATRY TO GOVERNMENT (SE).

To

Sri I. Papa Rao, Principal (Retd.), Government Junior College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District **through** Commissioner of Intermediate Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Intermediate Education, A.P., Hyderabad. Copy to:

The Secretary to V.C., A.P. Vigilance Commission, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER.